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Public Health Advisory for Mount Vernon-White Bridge Road Satellite Sites; Asbestos Dump Site Superfund Site

Dear Mr. James Bonott:

Enclosed for your clients is the final version of a Public Health Advisory dated December 20,1990 from ATSDR to EPA. The Health Advisory continues a previous health assessment by ATSDR that the presence of asbestos at the New Vernon Road site and the White Bridge Road site "represents an imminent and substantial threat to human health."

The Public Health Advisory contains several recommendations including that "EPA should dissociate affected residents, either on-site or off-site, from exposure to the site-related asbestos fibers in indoor air." (page 5). We understand that your clients continue to be unwilling to move from the site as ATSDR and EPA have recommended on numerous occasions in the past and continue to urge.

Also note that recommendation #5 on page 6 urges that "EPA or the property owner should restrict access, authorized or unauthorized, to those areas known or suspected to be contaminated with asbestos." We expect the property owners to continue to restrict access to these areas. If they are unable to do so on a voluntary basis, EPA will take appropriate enforcement actions to insure that access is restricted.

I am advised that essentially all of the sampling is complete on the Satellite Site and EPA and its contractors will now undertake to produce a Remedial Investigation (RI) report which describes the extent of contamination. Thereafter, EPA and its contractors will produce a Feasability Study (FS) in which options for remediating the site are considered. A single option will be chosen and described in a record of decision (ROD) which we have targeted by the end of the year. Thereafter, the remedy will be carried out at the site.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. at (212) 264-3278

Sincerely,

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